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Dear Link Family,

Happy Groundhog Day! This morning Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow, so we are in for an early spring!

I lived in Western Pennsylvania for a number of years, and actually went to Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney (home of the famous groundhog) and experienced the event in person! This is a big event in "Steeler Country," and of course our morning joke today focused on the groundhog - What does Punxsutawney Phil use to clean his laundry? Hogwash!

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year is in full swing, and next week we have our brief meetings to welcome our new Link students. Please be sure to pass the word among your friends and neighbors who might have a rising kindergarten student to register if they have not yet done so.

These raw, gray days we've been having lately provide the perfect time to curl up with a good book. This month we are offering two reading events for all students to encourage reading time. Our PTA has a PARP calendar to follow, which provides suggestions for quick daily activities you can do with your child. Check their website for the calendar. Our school is also having a "It's SNOW Great to Read" challenge, where after students complete books they rate and/or recommend them. I always like it when a friend recommends a book to me - and we think our students will as well! Snowflakes we display will document our reading. Attached to this email is a link to the snowflakes - please feel free to print them and fill them out with your child as he/she finishes a book. Thank you for encouraging this school-wide activity!

Today our schools enjoyed an assembly provided to us by the PTA. Always a favorite, "Pathways to Rhythm" was such fun! Thank you for supporting our PTA, which (among other things) enables our students to have experiences such as this.

The winter weather is often unpredictable, but please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the day. When the temperature is conducive to being outside, we do try to go out if the blacktop is accessible and safe.

I hope that you enjoy the weekend, doing those things you love with the people you love. Thank you for your continued support as we partner in your child's education.

Mary Bish, Principal